

Brandon, Brandon P.O.
Prince George County
Virginia

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BRANDON (Residence)
Brandon P.O. Vic., Prince George County, Va.

Owner: Robert Daniel

Date of Erection: 18th century

Architect: Unknown

Builder: (Owner) Benjamin Harrison

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Main block and terminal pavillion, 2 stories;
Wings and connections, 1 story.

Materials of Construction: Brick

Other Existing Records: "Great Georgian Houses"; "Interiors of Virginia Houses", Edith Tunis Sale; "Virginia Homes and Gardens", Virginia Garden Club, etc.

Additional Data: The Brandon estate was in the Harrison ownership for over 200 years before it was sold in the 1920's to the present owner. It was not the principle residence of the owners until about 1770 when Benjamin Harrison (b.1742) became domiciled there after his marriage. Nathaniel Harrison, his father (1703-1791) was married twice. During his first marriage he lived in Warwick County near his wife's family. In 1748, after her death, he remarried and moved to Stafford County. In 1765 the Virginia Assembly docked the entail on the Coggins Point estate (1973 acres) owned by Harrison, so that the funds could be applied to the maintenance of the Brandon Estate (7,000 acres). It is probable that at this time the mansion was built. In it is incorporated a small earlier house of two rooms and a central hall. This was raised to two stories when the mansion was built. The building consists of seven units; the central block, wings, connections and terminal pavillions.

The central block now contains only a very large stair hall, but originally this was divided into a salon facing the river and a stair hall across the front. The partition was taken down, and the present

stair and arcade added about 1825 in the same style that is seen at Hampstead, New Kent County, and Horn Quarter, King William County. The wings contain only one large room each, as do the connections. On the second floor are three units without communications; two rooms and hall in the upper part of the central block and in either wing.

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